

Approved September 14, 2021

Arlington High School Building Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Conducted via Remote Participation
6:00 pm

Present: Jeff Thielman, School Committee Representative, Chair
Elizabeth Homan, Superintendent, Co-vice chair
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager, Co-vice chair
Kirsi Allison-Ampe, School Committee Representative
Francis Callahan, Community Member Representative (absent)
John Cole, Former Chair, Permanent Town Building Committee (absent)
Tobey Jackson, Community Member Representative
Matthew Janger, AHS Principal (absent)
Ryan Katofsky, Community Member Representative
Brett Lambert, PTBC Representative (absent)
Kate Loosian, Community Member Representative (absent)
Michael Mason, APS Chief Financial Officer
William McCarthy, AHS Assistant Principal (absent)
Judson Pierce, Community Member
Sandy Pooler, Deputy Town Manager
Paul Raia, Disabilities Commission Representative
Brian Rehrig, Capital Planning Committee Member
Greg Walters, Facilities Director-Town of Arlington
Amy Speare, Community Member Representative (absent)
Shannon Knuth, Teacher Representative (absent)
Kent Werst, Teacher Representative (absent)

Also present: Jim Burrows, Victoria Clifford, Sy Nguyen, Skanska Inc.
Lori Cowles, Arthur Duffy, HMFH Architects, Inc.
John LaMarre and Todd McCabe, Consigli Construction
Karen Fitzgerald, AHSBC Recording Secretary

Call to order:

Chair of the Committee, Jeff Thielman, opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Conducted by remote participation as outlined in Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law on March 12, 2020, and explained the procedure on taking votes.

Skanska

Jim Burrows presented the PFA Bid Amendment and explained the process and said they have been working with MSBA and is here to provide the breakdown of the overall grant and explained all the numbers shown on table 1-4. HMFH provided an updated memo dated 07292021 regarding net square feet increases. The district share increase will be \$879,751. The members broke down the grant reductions and discussed the District share increase.

Ryan Katofsky and Brian Rehrig members of the committee summarized what they heard about the grant reduction. Kirsi Allison-Ampe and Judson Peirce both stated they will not accept MSBA PFA Bid Amendment. Jim Burrows had been working hard in discussions with MSBA on the language of the motion. Mr. Katofsky asked to have the word *increase* deleted from the motion because it implies the grant is going up. It was noted that this will continue to do so because the final grant amount is still pending.

PFA Bid Amendment

On a **motion** by Ryan Katofsky, seconded, by Brian Rehrig it was moved to accept the MSBA PFA Bid Amendment of \$879,751, as presented with the understanding that final grant amount is pending.

Roll Call: Liz Homan, Yes, Adam Chapdelaine Yes, Kirsi Allison-Ampe No, Tobey Jackson Yes, Ryan Katofsky Yes, Michael Mason Yes, Judson Peirce No, Sandy Pooler Yes, Brian Rehrig Yes, Greg Walters, Yes, Jeff Thielman Yes. Vote: (9-2)

Consigli Update

John LaMarre presented the Executive overview.

Construction Update

Todd McCabe presented the executive overview and project milestones, he also reviewed minority participation which is ahead of goal and women participation which is a little under goal, contractors are reminded weekly to try to increase participation.

Ryan Katofsky appreciates the update and saw the progress last week but noted his frustration with Eversource and the cost to get generators. Jim Burrows has been working and tracking all the impacts on the project and the costs. The members are aware that it has caused delays and will talk with town counsel

Subcommittee Reports

- ◆ Communications – next mtg. Aug. 10@ 4:00 Select board will host the AHSBC members on Aug 9.
- ◆ Finance – no updates the subcommittee continues to meet the 3rd Thursday of the month to approve pay recs/change requests that are in their jurisdiction. Add to interiors committee on discourse lab are the seats in auditorium
- ◆ Interiors –Liz spoke about adding tablet to seat for the discourse lab and decrease the number of seats from 120 to 115 seats and the finance members approved it and the interiors subcommittee approved the design with no impact to opening the discourse lab. The change order was \$20,000.
- ◆ Landscape & Exteriors- none
- ◆ Memorials - none
- ◆ SMEPPF - none
- ◆ Security - none
- ◆ Temp Use-Phasing –Liz is watching abatement going on a AHS and having fire alarms going off but worked it out with the Fire dept.

Approval of Minutes

On a **motion** by Adam Chapdelaine seconded by Brian Rehrig it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of July 6, 2021. Roll Call: unanimous

New Business

Jeff Thielman addressed that the next AHS Building meeting will fall on Tuesday, September 7, Rosh Hashanah and asked the committee members to move the meeting to the following Tuesday, September 14, 2021. It was also confirmed that the meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. The committee will discuss future meeting provisions.

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Ryan Katofsky, seconded, by Adam Chapdelaine, it was voted to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen M. Fitzgerald

AHSBC Recording Secretary